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# Linn County

***Floodplain Mapping Project  
Data Development Kickoff Meeting***

*July 22, 2021*

**While we are waiting, please enter your name  
and community in the chat box!**





***Your engagement  
in this process is  
important to the  
success of this  
project, so thank  
you for taking the  
time to be here  
today!***





# Introductions



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## ***Today's Goals***

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*Share details on the mapping project*

*Get initial feedback on modeling methods*

*Review future steps*



# *Background*

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# Background



- Osage Custom Watershed BLE Project
  - *Kick-off Meeting and BLE Review: October 22, 2019*
  - *Discovery Meeting: February 5, 2020*

# ***Background***



- Linn County Effective Mapping is dated November 2007.
- Through Discovery and conversations with County stakeholders, it was determined that updated modeling and mapping would benefit Linn County.





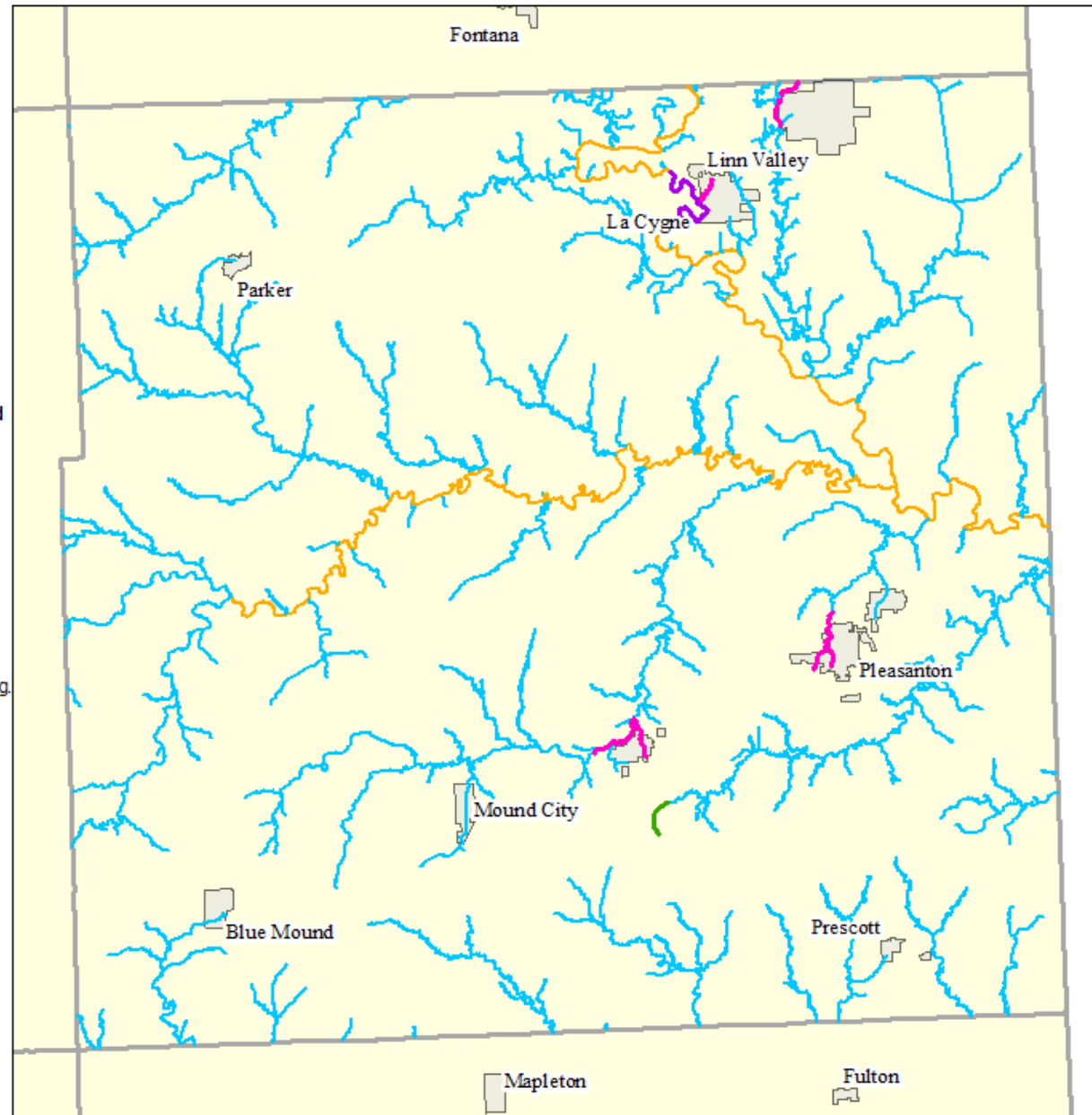
# ***Review of the Work Ahead and How We Propose Doing It***

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## Scoped Studies

- **New Zone A - Excess Rainfall on Grid**  
New Zone A studies will be developed for these streams using 2D "excess rainfall-on-grid" hydrology and 2D Hec-Ras hydraulics.
- **New Zone A - Gage Analysis**  
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- **New Enhanced Zone A - Excess Rainfall on Grid**  
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- **New Static Zone AE**  
New Static Zone AE studies will be developed for these streams using rainfall-runoff modeling. Field measured structure data will be incorporated into the modeling.

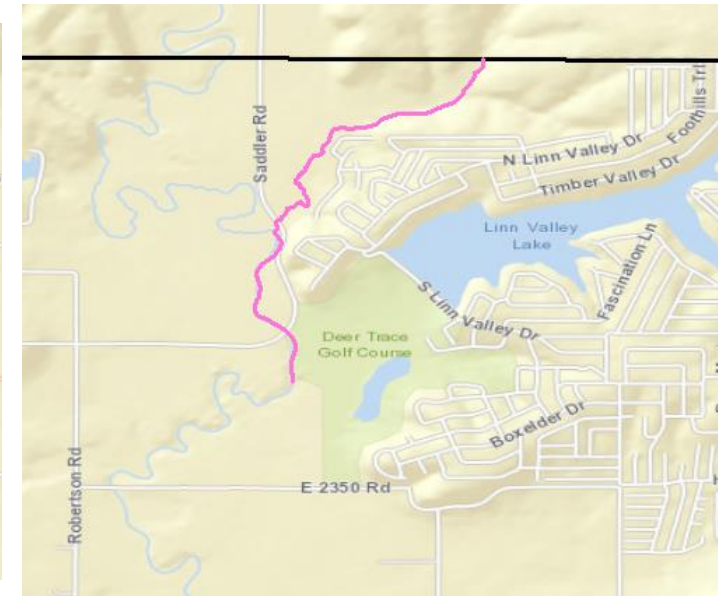
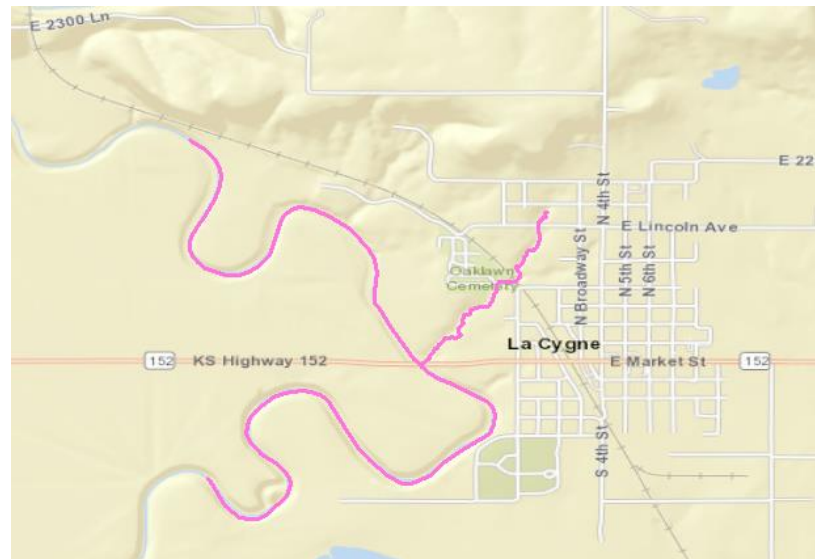






## New Enhanced Zone A

- La Cygne:
  - Marais des Cygnes River and 1 Tributary
- Linn Valley:
  - 1 Tributary to Middle Creek

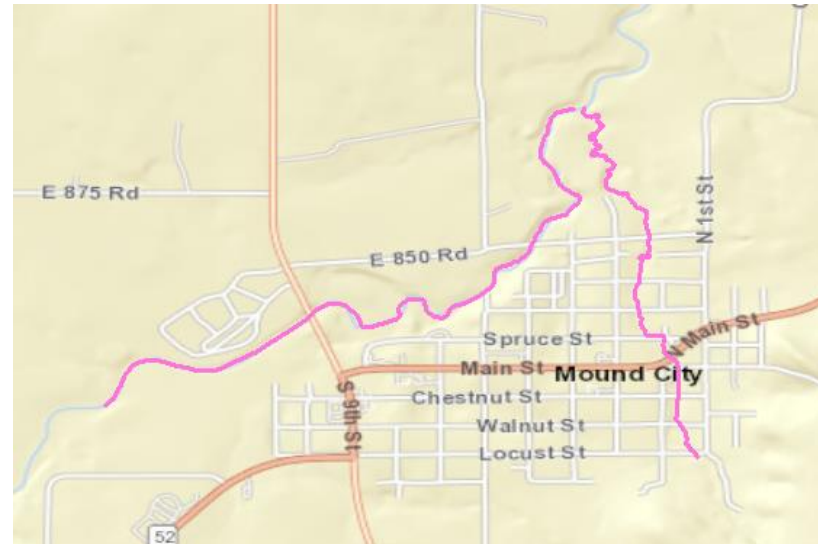






## New Enhanced Zone A

- Mound City:
  - Little Sugar Creek and 1 Tributary
- Pleasanton:
  - Muddy Creek and 1 Tributary





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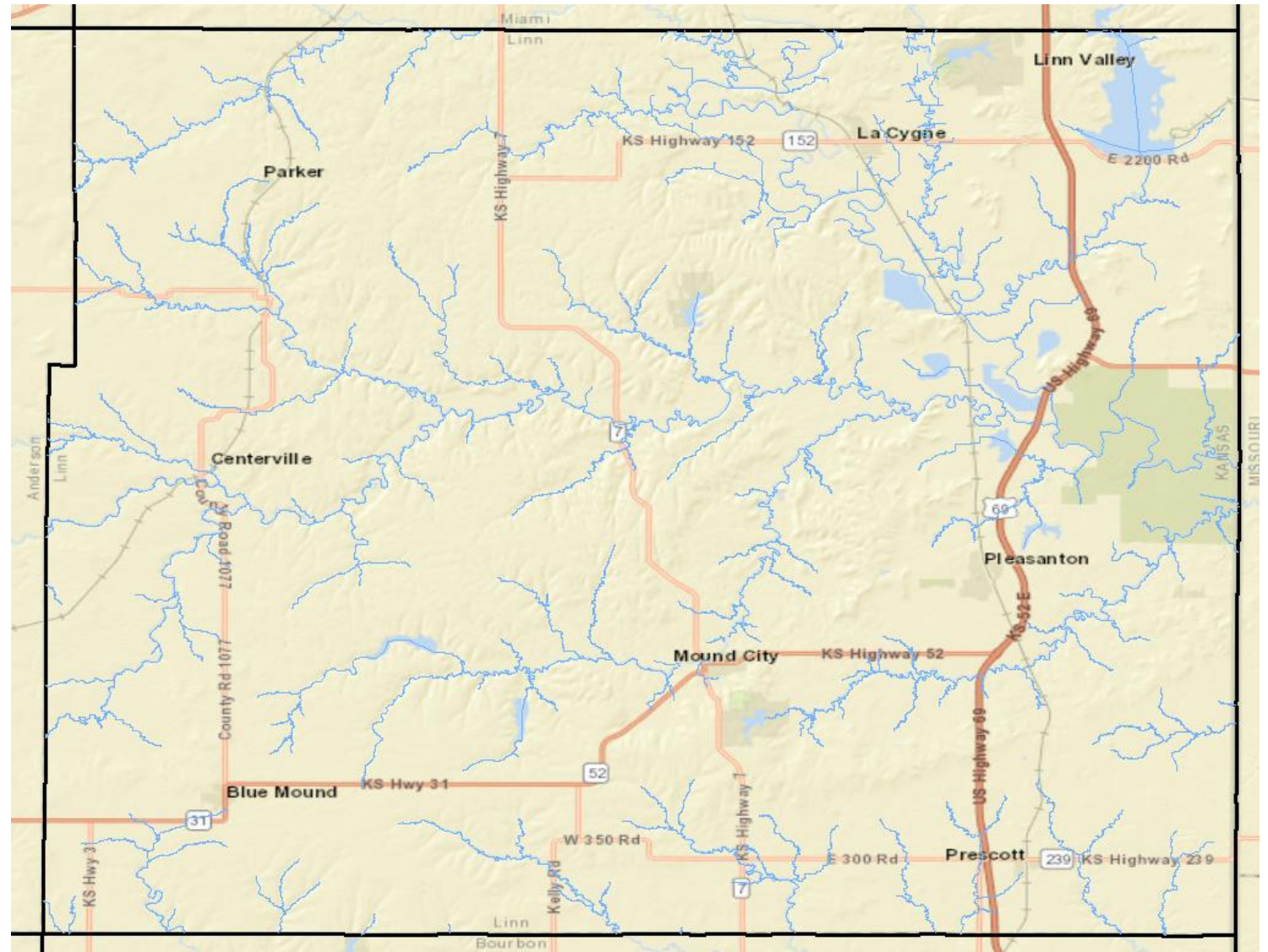
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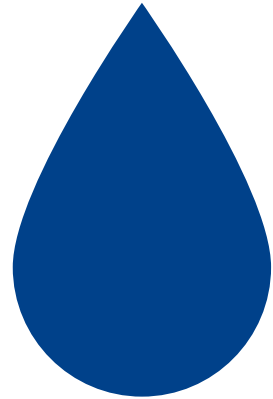
- Remainder of Streams in the County





# Definitions

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**Hydrology**  
*How Much Water?*



**Hydraulics**  
*How High Will Water Get?*





## ***2D Hydraulic Modeling will be used for all the streams in this study***

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- Enhancements will be made to the BLE modeling that was performed for the Zone A and Static AE streams.
  - Comments made and additional information gathered during the Discovery phase will be used to enhance the modeling
  - Enhanced Zone A and Static AE streams will include field measured data for culverts and bridges
- The hydrology is built into the RAS modeling platform using excess rainfall-on-grid methodology.
  - This will be calibrated to gage analysis flows

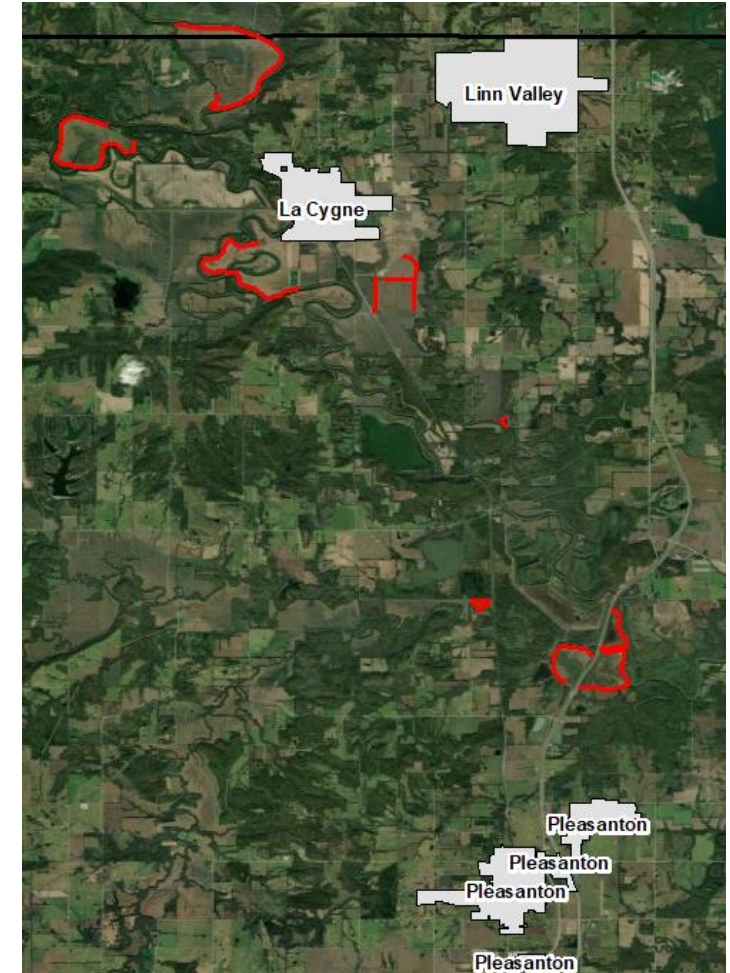




## ***Non-Accredited Levees***

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- There is 11 Non-Accredited Ag Levees in the County
- These levees are overtopped for the 1% annual chance storm and are considered hydraulically insignificant. They are mapped as overtopping.



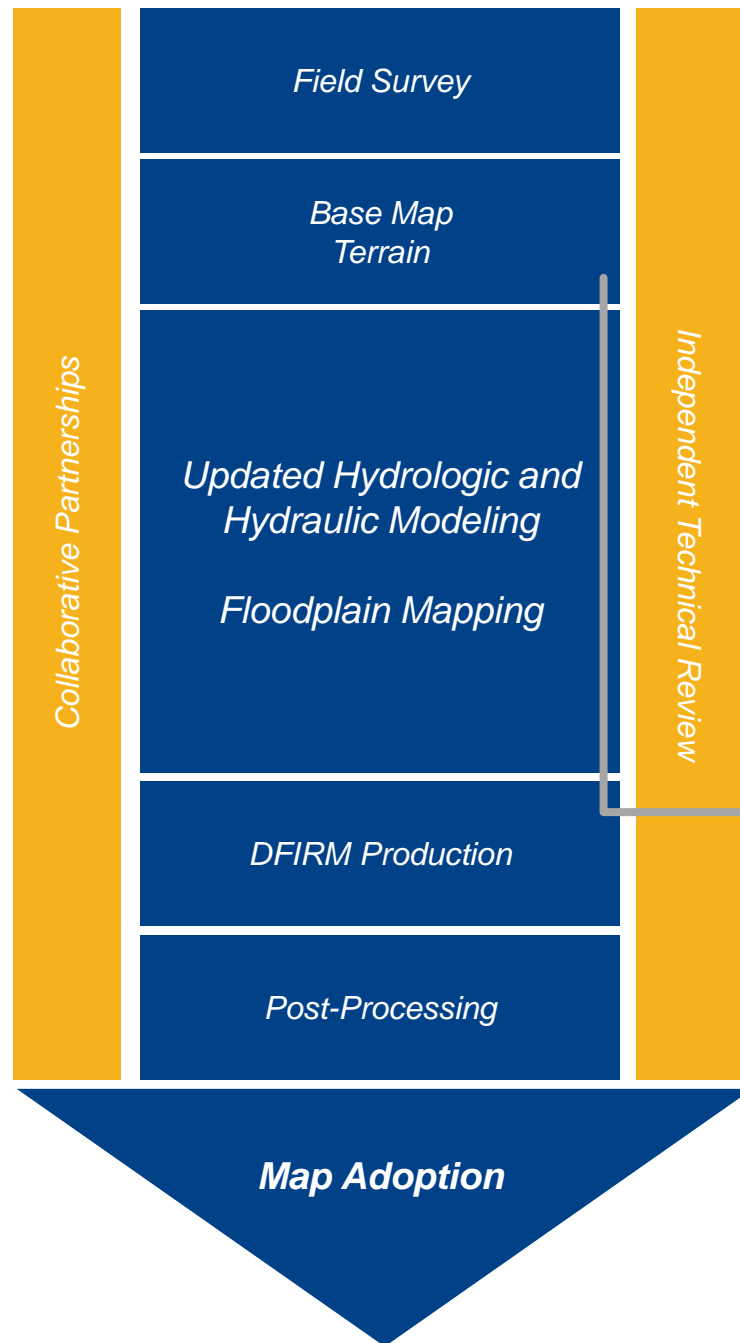


# *Next Steps*

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Data  
Development



## Project Tasks

1. Field Survey
2. Base Map and Topography Preparation
3. Hydrologic and Hydraulic Modeling
4. Floodplain Mapping
5. DFIRM and FIS Production
6. Post-Preliminary

We are about to begin  
the modeling task





## ***Our Next Steps:***

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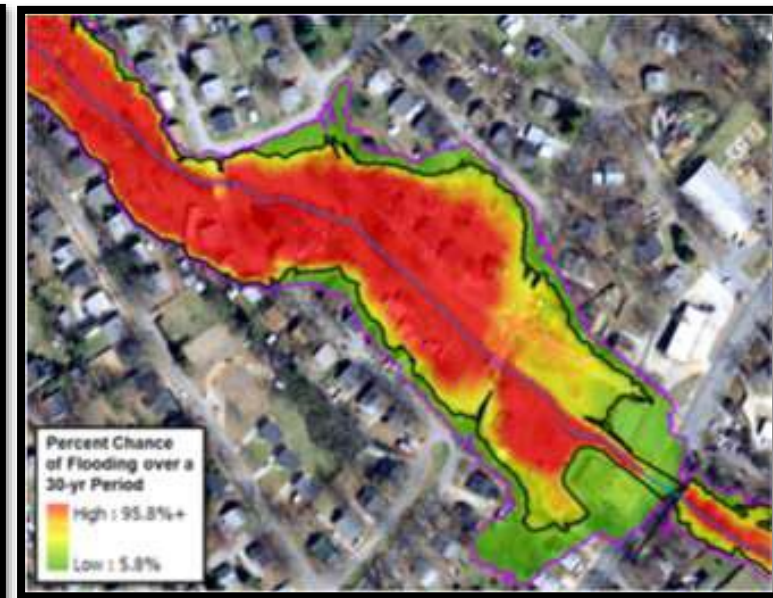
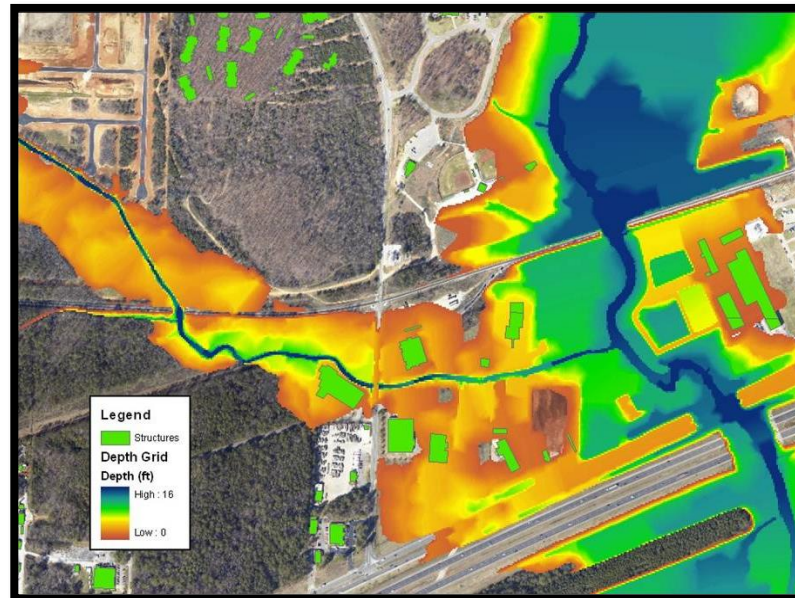
- We will complete the engineering analysis previously described
- We will develop your draft regulatory floodplain maps.
  - Also known as your Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM)
- We will develop your draft Flood Insurance Study (FIS).
- We will have a community review period and a public review period






## Our Next Steps:

- We will also be developing flood risk products for all of Linn County as part of this project.
  - Will use the latest data available for all streams





# Project Timeline



**Kick-off Meeting and  
Initial Community  
Feedback:**  
[TODAY!]

**Data Development Work:**  
[Now until fall 2021]

- *Base Map*
- *Topographic Data*
- *Field Survey*
- *Develop Hydrologic and Hydraulic Models*
- *Floodplain Mapping*

**Flood Risk Review  
Meeting:**

[~November 2021]

- Your **review** and **feedback** on the draft maps

## Project Timeline, continued

Community  
**comments** will  
be **addressed**

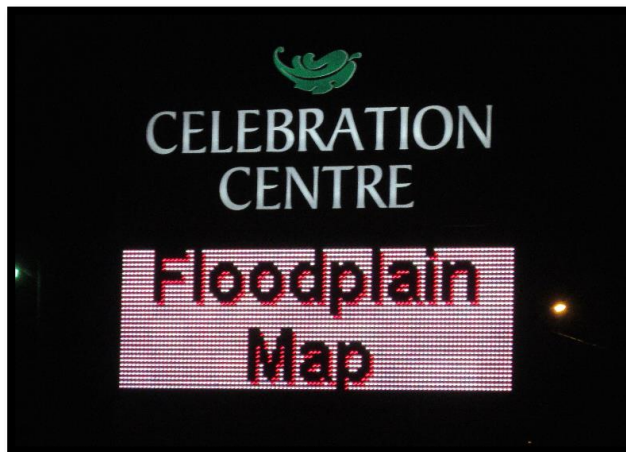
**Public review** of  
the draft maps

- *Includes Public  
Open House*

**Preliminary Map  
Products**

- *Preliminary DFIRM  
Community  
Coordination Meeting*

**Post-  
Preliminary  
Processing**







## ***Key Takeaways***

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*Floodplain Mapping Projects take time*

*Your involvement in this process will result in better flood information for your community*

***DON'T HESITATE TO CALL,  
WE ARE HERE TO HELP***



# *Resources*

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# Online Project Information

## Project Website

- Scoping Maps, Project Timeline, Meeting Presentations, Newsletters, Technical Reports, Web Review Map
- <https://www.agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/dwr/floodplain/mapping/mapping-projects/lists/mapping-projects/>

## Web Review Map

- Provide comments on areas impacted by past floods, community needs, etc.
- Review of floodplain data

## Story Maps

- Project Info
- “Floodplain Current”: Mapping Process ‘Nuts and Bolts’





*Any Questions?*

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